

"Indian Valley" (of The Anderson Place)
Eight miles west of Geneva,
Henderson County, Kentucky

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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304 Martin Brown Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Name of structure: "Indian Valley" (or Tho Anderson Place)

Location: Eight miles west of Geneva, Henderson
County, Kentucky

Owner or
custodian: Charlie Duncan

Address: Alzey, Henderson County, Kentucky

Date built:
(approx) In the 1840's.

Architect
or builder:

Present
condition: Bad

Number of
stories: Two stories; wings are one story.

Material used
in construction: Foundation: Brick.
Exterior walls: Brick.
Interior partitions: Brick and frame,
plastered.
Floors: Wood.
Roof: Frame construction, covered with
wood shingles.

Description: The natural beauty which in former
architectural years surrounded this old place has
and historical been removed.

The avenue of locust trees, one-half mile to the
main road, the curved fence about the yard, the piazza
surrounding the "Island Room" on the side facing the river,
features which added to the beauty of the place have all
been destroyed.

Quoting Miss Susan Starling Towles, Henderson,
Kentucky:

"The farm was for many generations an Indian Camp.
The soil is full of arrow heads, etc. There is a double-

headed Indian mound, needing expert examination; a pond made by excavation for mound. ^{The Place} was headquarters for early robbers and pirates of Murrell's band. It was part of the land grant from Virginia to the Transylvania Company for settling Kentucky, holding first legislative assembly, building first boat and making a barrier against the Indians".

"Indian Valley, as it was known when built, was erected by Haywood Alves on Plot 49 of the grant to the Transylvania Company, which land belonged to his father, Walter Alves. Haywood Alves' daughter, Virginia, married in 1853, her father dying in 1854, thus all his property passed to her, and as she had married A. J. Anderson, the people then spoke of the place as 'The Anderson Place'.

"After Virginia Alves Anderson died in 1906, Indian Valley farm was devised to Walter Alves Towles and his children. As Towles left no descendants, the Court ordered a sale and on May 18, 1927, Charlie Duncan bought the place; thus the property, for the first time since the formation of the Transylvania Company in 1775, went out of the Alves family".

G. M. Grimes

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